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April 29, 2005

To: Supervisor Gloria Molina, Chair
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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

Assembly Budget Subcommittee Actions

Property Tax Grant Program. Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration acted on April 26, 2005 to restore the Governor's proposed \$5.7 million cut in the Property Tax Grant (PTG) program. PTG provides participating counties with a State subvention to partially compensate counties for the fact that the State derives a financial benefit from almost half of the property taxes collected in the State (via K-14 funding); yet the State does not contribute to the cost of administering the system other than through the PTG.

Since the program's inception in 1995, just under \$60 million has been appropriated to participating counties for property tax administration by the PTG program each year. The County's annual share of the fully-funded program is \$13.45 million. Restoration of the \$5.7 million will prevent the County from incurring a loss of approximately \$1.4 million.

Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration will consider the issue on May 11, 2005. If both houses act to restore the \$5.7 million, the issue would normally not be considered by the Budget Conference Committee. It would only face review by the Administration for action by the Governor. The Governor can accept the restoration, or reduce it by exercising his line-item veto authority.

Mandates. Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 4 also acted to approve an April Department of Finance request to augment the State Controller's budget by \$1.2 million and three positions to install a web-based system that will enable counties, schools and other local governments to file mandate claims with the Controller on-line. The action also included a requirement for a report back to the Legislature on the effectiveness of the system.

The Subcommittee also augmented the Controller's budget by approximately \$1 million to fund 10 new auditor positions. These new auditors will be used to audit local government mandate claims, and it is expected that they will yield over \$40 million in mandate cost avoidance.

With respect to election-related services, the Subcommittee rejected the Governor's proposal to suspend a series of mandates. Suspension would have eliminated funding and the obligation of counties to perform the mandated functions. From a practical perspective, this would amount to a shift of the financial obligation for many of these mandates from the State onto counties since county election officials could not easily cease to provide the mandated services.

Instead, the Subcommittee approved trailer-bill language repealing election mandates related to Handicapped Voter Access and Presidential Primaries, and approved full funding for the following mandates on counties: Voter Registration Procedures, Absentee Ballots, Permanent Absentee Ballots, and Absentee Ballots —Tabulation by Precinct.

On recommendation of the Chair, the Subcommittee will convene a working group to examine the Voter Registration Procedures, Absentee Ballots, and Permanent Absentee Ballots mandates to determine possible future savings.

Lastly, the Subcommittee acted to approve \$427,000 and four positions for the Commission on State Mandates to address the backlog of pending mandate claims, and rejected the Governor's Budget proposal to suspend the County Auditor Redevelopment Report mandate, and instead acted to adopt trailer-bill language to repeal the mandate.

Medi-Cal Hospital Financing

Governor Schwarzenegger recently sent a letter (Attachment A) to U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt urging that negotiations on California's Medi-Cal hospital financing waiver come to resolution. The letter notes that obtaining Federal approval for \$180 million in annual matching funds for non-hospital based indigent care is a critical factor in reaching an agreement.

As previously reported, the Schwarzenegger Administration has been engaged in discussions with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to change the way in which Medi-Cal hospital payments would be financed in California. Specifically, in

conjunction with its Medi-Cal Redesign effort, the Administration seeks to change the mechanics of inpatient Medi-Cal payments, including the \$2 billion Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) and SB 1255 hospital payment programs, to reduce and/or phase-out the use of Intergovernmental Transfers (IGTs).

The Administration proposes to replace IGTs with Certified Public Expenditures (CPEs), which would be based upon expenditures by county and University of California hospitals. County funds expended on indigent health care would be counted as CPEs, and used to backfill IGTs currently used to fund the non-Federal share of DSH and SB 1255 payments. The Administration's approach requires a five-year 1115 waiver, which would replace the existing Selective Provider Contracting Program waiver.

The Disproportionate Share Hospital Task Force, on which the County participates, continues to raise concerns about whether the Administration's concept promotes safety net hospital stability. Because only limited financial information has been available and there are few specifics about the distribution of any new funds, it has been impossible to determine how provider payments would be impacted, and to what extent the County Department of Health Services' fiscal forecast would change.

Staff from my office and the Department of Health Services continue to work with the California Association of Public Hospitals, through the DSH Task Force, to ensure that Medi-Cal payments to the County health care system are protected.

Assembly Budget Subcommittee Hearing on Trauma Funding

On April 25, 2005, Assembly Budget Subcommittee #1 on Health and Human Services approved the Save California Trauma Centers request for \$10 million for trauma funding in the proposed State budget by a vote of 3 to 0. Carol Meyer, Emergency Medical Services Director, spoke in support of the funding, and provided Subcommittee members with detailed information about the critical services that trauma centers provide.

Health Authority and Related Legislation

AB 166 (Ridley-Thomas), which would authorize the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to create a Hospital Authority, passed the Assembly Health Committee on April 26, 2005 by a vote of 12 to 0. The bill was significantly amended, and it now contains legislative intent language to "enact legislation relating to the governance, administration, and control of public hospitals and other medical facilities within the jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles." It also calls for a comprehensive review of various models of governance. The bill now proceeds to the Assembly Local Government Committee. A copy of the legislative intent language is contained in Attachment B.

AB 1230 (Ridley-Thomas), which would authorize the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to establish an office of inspector general, and to authorize the inspector general to conduct audits and investigations of the County's health system, passed the Assembly Health Committee on April 26, 2005 by a vote of 13 to 0. AB 1230 proceeds to the Assembly Floor.

Pursuit of Position on Legislation

AB 262 (Berg), as introduced on February 8, 2005, would change the State's seismic safety standard to facilitate transfer of a trial court facility from a county to the State.

Existing law, SB 1732 (Escutia) of 2002, requires that all trial court facilities be transferred to the State by June 30, 2007, with an annual payment from the transferring county equal to the funding historically spent to operate the court's share of the building. However, neither title nor responsibility for the court facility may transfer in a building found by the State to be deficient, unless provisions are made for their correction. Pursuant to SB 1732, the State recently adopted seismic safety standards that would define most court buildings statewide as deficient, including most in Los Angeles County. The County would have to spend potentially hundreds of millions of dollars to upgrade its buildings before it would be possible to transfer many of our facilities to the State.

AB 262 would remove a significant impediment to trial court facilities transfers by limiting the seismic safety standard to the existing standard of the county proposing the transfer. The Building Code adopted in Los Angeles County, similar to codes adopted in most counties, requires structural retrofit of certain building types deemed seismically risky, such as unreinforced masonry and concrete tilt-up construction. For other building types, the Code specifically allows existing structures to remain. AB 262 would allow most, if not all, courthouses in Los Angeles County to be transferred to the State without structural seismic retrofit.

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) indicates that AB 262 is intended as a starting point for discussions between counties and the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). Because AB 262, as introduced, would allow transfer of the County's court facilities to the State without expenditure of potentially hundreds of millions of dollars for structural seismic retrofit, we recommend that the County support AB 262 in concept, and work with CSAC and the AOC to develop this legislation to provide terms acceptable to the County for the transfer of court facilities. Consistent with current Board policy to support measures that promote the efficiency and fiscal neutrality of the transfer of trial court facilities to the State, **our Sacramento Advocates will support AB 262, in concept.**

AB 262 is co-sponsored by Sonoma County and Mendocino County, and is supported, in concept, by CSAC. There is no registered opposition. AB 262 passed the Assembly

Judiciary Committee on April 5, 2005 by a vote of 8 to 0, and has been referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee's suspense file.

AB 1167 (Chu), as amended on April 11, 2005, would allow the City of El Monte and the El Monte Community Redevelopment Agency to amend the Downtown El Monte Redevelopment Project to carry out transit-oriented projects. Specifically, the bill would 1) eliminate the time limit on the establishment of indebtedness; 2) increase from \$44.4 million to \$65 million the amount of bonded indebtedness that the agency may have outstanding at any one time; 3) extend the time limit on the effectiveness of the plan for up to an additional 10 years; 4) substitute required pass-through payments to taxing agencies (including the County) with "certain tax increment amounts"; and 5) commit 30 percent of all taxes allocated pursuant to transit oriented projects to low and moderate income housing.

Existing law, the 1993 Community Redevelopment Reform Act (AB 1290), establishes specific blight criteria that have to be met to invoke redevelopment powers, and sets specific time limits on redevelopment plans. The AB 1290 reforms were enacted to curb redevelopment abuse such as the inappropriate extension and modification of projects that allowed redevelopment plans to virtually never end.

AB 1167 would weaken current law by creating an exception to the deadline on incurring debt; an exception to the deadline on carrying out plan activities; an exception to the deadline on the receipt of tax increment; and an exception to the lifetime dollar limit on the amount of tax increment. AB 1167 would extend the term of a project, and taxing agencies such as the County would continue to lose access to property tax funds that belong to the County once projects are completed.

Because AB 1167 would divert local tax revenues from critical County services, our Sacramento advocates will oppose this bill. Opposition is consistent with existing Board policy to oppose any redevelopment legislation which would cause the County to lose revenues, or which would limit or repeal provisions of AB 1290. AB 1167 was referred to the Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development, and no hearing date has been set. The bill is sponsored by the City of El Monte, and the author's office indicates no other supporters at this time. The California State Association of Counties has taken an oppose position on the bill.

ACA 17 (Mullin), as introduced March 31, 2005, would amend the California Constitution to authorize 17-year old citizens, who will be at least 18 years old by the next general election, to register and vote at that general election and at any intervening primary or special elections that occur after the person is eligible to register to vote. The language of ACA 17 is essentially the same as County-supported ACA 25 (Mullin) during the 2003-04 Legislative Session. ACA 25 failed on the Assembly floor because of the lack of sufficient votes to meet the 2/3 vote requirement. **Therefore, our Sacramento advocates will support ACA 17.**

ACA 17 is currently in the Assembly Elections, Redistricting and Constitutional Amendments Committee with no hearing date set. There is no registered support or opposition at this time.

SB 395 (Escutia), as amended on April 18, 2005, would enact the California Court Facilities Bond Act of 2006 to fund the acquisition, construction, and renovation of trial court facilities. It would place the bond act, for an as yet unspecified amount, on the ballot for the next Statewide election.

The Trial Court Facilities Act of 2002, (SB 1732, Escutia) requires that all trial court facilities be transferred to the State by June 30, 2007. Under existing law, the State is responsible for new court facilities as well as for upgrades and maintenance of existing facilities, once the transfers have taken place in each county. Although SB 1732 transferred oversight of the Courthouse Construction Fund to the State, that fund is depleted to the extent that it is not likely to be available to build the courthouses that will be needed in the future.

SB 395 would provide funding needed because of the depletion of the Courthouse Construction Fund to build new court facilities or renovate existing court facilities that have been transferred to the State. The measure would also allow the Judicial Council to require counties, when court facilities are shared with counties for non-court purposes, to pay for their share of bond principal, interest, and expenses for new construction or renovation. However, Sheriff's holding cells, District Attorney's offices, and other county functions are integral to the efficient operation of the court. This bill would require counties to pay the State for the financing costs of these court-related functions because they are defined as non-court under existing law. The cost of a facility that is located in a courthouse principally for the convenience of the court should be a State responsibility.

We recommend that the County support SB 395 only if amended to define the term court purposes to specifically include all county court-related functions that are necessary for the efficient operation of the Superior Court. Consistent with current Board policy to support measures that promote the efficiency and fiscal neutrality of the transfer of trial court facilities to the State, **our Sacramento Advocates will support SB 395 only if amended as recommended.**

SB 395 passed the Senate Judiciary Committee on April 26, 2005 by a vote of 5 to 2. Although there is no registered support or opposition, the California State Association of Counties has expressed concerns regarding the exclusion of county court related functions from eligibility for funding under the Bond Act.

Status of County-Interest Legislation

County-opposed AB 126 (Dymally) was held in the Assembly Health Committee on April 26, 2005 at the request of the author. That measure would have enacted the

Beilenson Fair Hearing Act of 2005, and would have required counties to make a finding that closing, eliminating, or reducing indigent health care services will not have a detrimental impact on the health care needs of the indigent in the county.

County-supported AB 547 (Berg), passed the Assembly on April 28, 2005 by a vote of 42 to 25, and it now proceeds to the Senate. **AB 547** would repeal the requirement that a city or county authorize its needle exchange program through a declaration of a local emergency. It would authorize clean needle exchange programs upon the action by a county board of supervisors, and the local health officer or health commission, or upon the action of a city council, the mayor, and the local health officer.

County-opposed AB 667 (Jones), which would change the performance standards relating to, and State oversight of, local child support agencies and require the State to either seek the removal of the local administrator or assess a financial penalty for failure to achieve performance targets was placed on the Assembly Appropriations Committee's suspense file on April 27, 2005, because of increased cost pressures on the State's General Fund. The suspense file will be considered sometime during the last two weeks in May 2005.

County-support if amended AB 696 (Chu) was placed on the Assembly Appropriations Committee's suspense file on April 27, 2005. AB 696 would: 1) replace quarterly CalWORKs and Food Stamps reporting with semi-annual reporting; 2) provide categorical eligibility to Food Stamps benefits for certain Medi-Cal participants; 3) simplify Food Stamp verification requirements; 4) require the State to seek a Federal waiver to exempt certain Able-bodied Adults Without Dependents from the three-month limit for Food Stamp benefits; and 5) eliminate the requirement to maintain a statewide fingerprint imaging system for use in conjunction with eligibility for CalWORKs and Food Stamps.

County-sponsored AB 1285 (Montañez), which expands participation in the County's Investing in Early Educator's Program stipend program administered by the County's Office of Child Care, passed the Assembly Human Services Committee, April 26, 2005 on a 6 to 1 vote. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee and is pending a hearing date.

County-opposed SB 112 (Ortiz), which would change the formula used to calculate each county's share of total State Refugee Employment Social Services Fund and Refugee Targeted Assistance Program (RTAP) Fund, passed the Senate Human Services Committee on April 26, 2005 by a 4 to 3 vote. This measure has been referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee and is pending a hearing date.

County-supported SB 267 (Romero), passed the Senate Health Committee on its consent calendar on April 27, 2005 by a vote of 11 to 0, and it now proceeds to the Senate Appropriations Committee. **SB 267** would restructure the Trauma Care Fund to require regional distribution of funds based on the statewide proportion of trauma care

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services provided in a region, repeal the requirement that trauma centers receive a minimum level of funding, and require the grants to be awarded on a competitive basis.

County-supported SB 516 (Ortiz), which would require automatic fire sprinklers in residential care facilities housing six or fewer residents passed the Senate Human Services Committee on April 26, 2005 by a vote of 4 to 2. The bill proceeds to the Senate Appropriations Committee and is pending a hearing date.

A roster containing the status of all bills of County interest is on Attachment C.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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Attachments

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 California Contract Cities Association
 Independent Cities Association
 League of California Cities
 City Managers Associations
 Buddy Program Participants



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

April 20, 2005

The Honorable Mike Leavitt
Secretary for Health and Human Services
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I am writing to follow up on our positive and productive discussion on March 8, 2005, in regard to California's hospital financing waiver. The waiver is critical for ensuring that safety net hospitals in California remain open and emergency rooms and trauma centers continue to operate. At the conclusion of this meeting, it was my understanding that the major components of the base waiver were settled and the one major outstanding item to be resolved was California's request for continuation of \$180 million per year in federal matching funds for non-hospital based care for the uninsured. I am writing to urge you to bring favorable resolution to California's request.

Unlike other states, California proactively responded to the federal government's desire to eliminate intergovernmental transfers the Bush Administration has determined to be unacceptable. We came forward with a proposal to conform our payment processes to federal policy. As this proposal represents a significant change in how hospitals claim federal matching funds, it has met with significant resistance from our hospitals, the California Legislature, and even members of the State's congressional delegation.

In January of this year, I proposed a significant redesign of California's Medi-Cal program. A cornerstone of the redesign effort is the expansion of managed care to an additional 816,000 Medi-Cal beneficiaries. As we discussed in our March meeting, approval of California's waiver proposal and continuation of the federal \$180 million per year is critical to our ability to secure legislative support of my managed care proposal.

Expansion of managed care is critical to reducing the long-term rate of cost growth in the Medi-Cal program and to improving the delivery of care. In our meeting we discussed the need to invest federal funds now in this waiver with the savings from my redesign efforts replacing this funding over the long term.

I committed to providing milestones for the implementation of managed care under which you could measure our success and the resultant savings. I understand that you want accountability for moving Medi-Cal redesign forward, and these milestones allow this accountability. My Administration provided this information to your staff on March 17, 2005, and I have attached charts that show the savings from managed care implementation. While the savings start off

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slow due to the need to ensure proper implementation, the savings grow every year, reaching \$226 million a year in federal savings in 2012-13. As mentioned, the continued annual federal investment of the \$180 million is the lynchpin to expanding the use of managed care in California and the chart shows that such an expansion will pay long-term dividends for the federal government far beyond the initial term of the waiver.

The continuing long term savings generated by my Medi-Cal redesign proposal are all the more significant given the cost effectiveness of California's overall Medicaid program. Medi-Cal remains the lowest cost per person Medicaid program in the nation because we continually work to control costs through negotiations and innovative policy reforms. As an example, in September of 2004, in time for the start of the 2005 federal fiscal year, California began implementation of an "average sales price" methodology for reimbursing pharmacy costs, a concept included in the President's budget. For federal fiscal year 2005 we anticipate these aggressive, yet sensible, pharmacy cost containment efforts will save the federal government \$130 million, and will likely grow each year thereafter. These savings are not yet reflected in the federal base budget and are a clear demonstration of the additional program savings generated by California's aggressive management of our Medi-Cal budget. In the next five years, this change alone will save the federal government more than \$700 million. These ongoing cost containment initiatives and the federal savings they generate should be recognized while we consider the scope and investment in reform the federal government will make under this waiver proposal. Please see the attached charts for more detail.

I look forward to working with you to resolve this waiver in the very near future. It is important that we bring negotiations to closure as soon as possible in order to ensure time for legislative passage of my redesign proposals by the end of June. I appreciate the time and input you and your staff have provided my Administration on this important matter. It is critical that California receive all of the funding that our staffs have agreed to plus the \$180 million per year that we have discussed.

Sincerely,

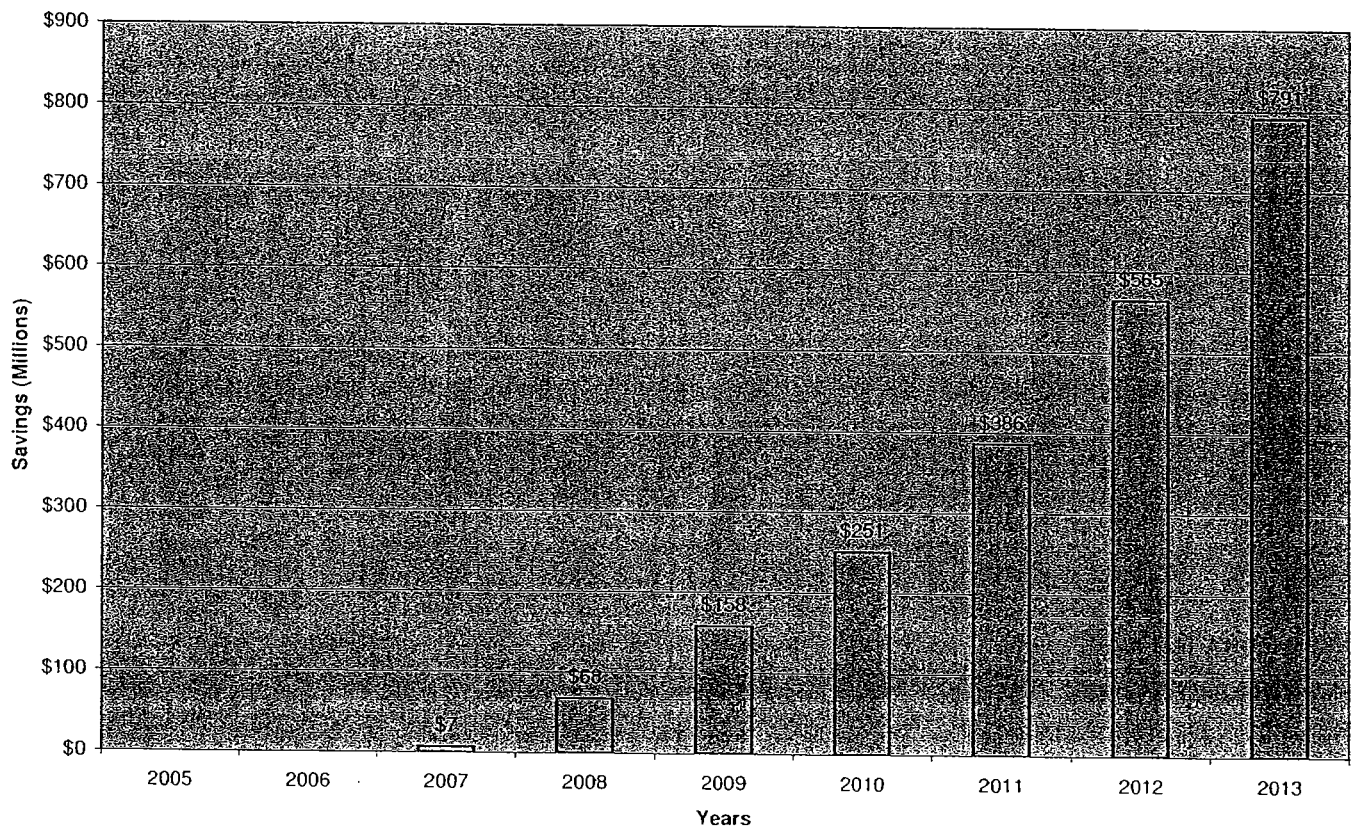
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Arnold Schwarzenegger

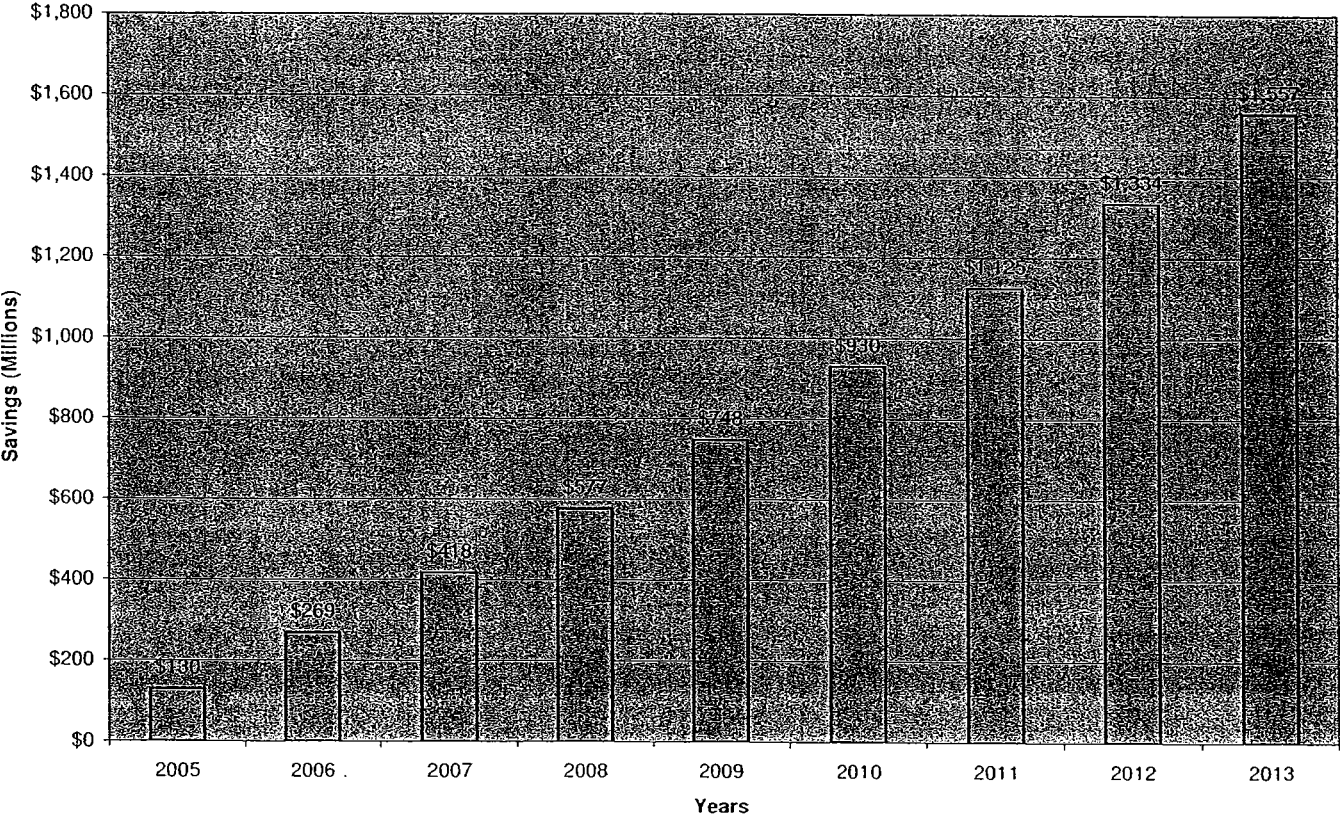
Reducing the Rate of Growth in Federal Health Costs
California Managed Care and Pharmacy Savings
(\$ in Millions - Federal Savings)

	Managed Care Savings		Pharmacy Savings		TOTAL Cumulative
	Annual	Cumulative	Annual	Cumulative	
2005			\$130	\$130	\$130
2006			\$139	\$269	\$269
2007	\$7	\$7	\$149	\$418	\$425
2008	\$61	\$68	\$159	\$577	\$645
2009	\$90	\$158	\$170	\$748	\$906
2010	\$93	\$251	\$182	\$930	\$1,181
2011	\$135	\$386	\$195	\$1,125	\$1,511
2012	\$179	\$565	\$209	\$1,334	\$1,899
2013	\$226	\$791	\$223	\$1,557	\$2,348
Totals	\$791		\$1,557		\$2,348

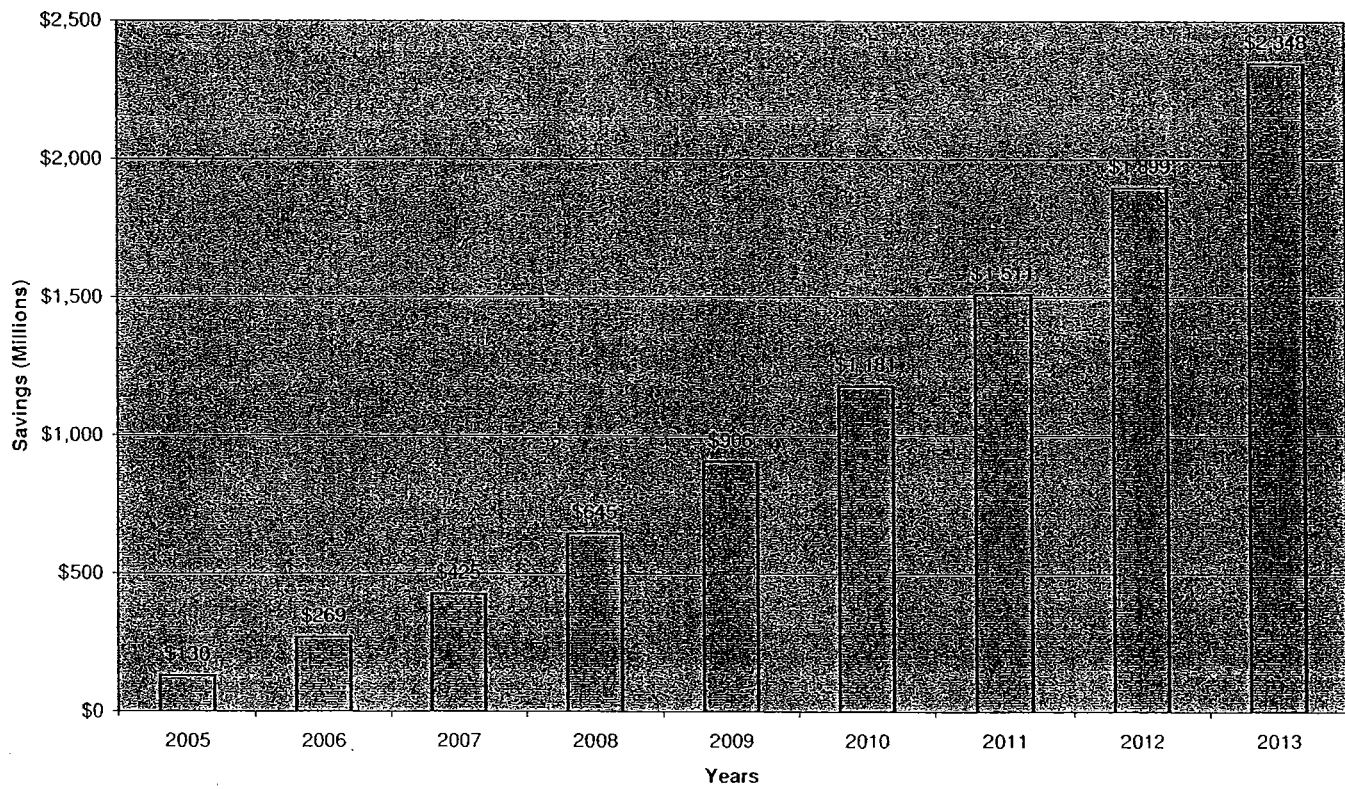
Cumulative Federal Savings from Medi-Cal Managed Care Expansion



Cumulative Federal Savings from Medi-Cal Pharmacy Reform



Cumulative Federal Savings from Medi-Cal Managed Care Expansion and Medi-Cal Pharmacy Reforms



Intent Language Amendment to AB 166

It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation with respect to the governance, administration and control of public hospitals and other medical facilities within the jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles subject to certain conditions. Among the conditions is a comprehensive review of various models of governance and reports addressing management of these facilities, including by not limited to those conducted by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the University of Southern California, the Price WaterhouseCoopers audit on behalf of the California Department of Health Services and the Alameda County Public Health Authority.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
STATUS OF BILLS OF INTEREST TO THE COUNTY
2005-06 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

These are bills we have pursued in Sacramento pursuant to Board actions or as reported in bill policy memoranda.

<u>BILL</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
AB 109	Chan	Support if Amended to require stronger fiscal oversight by the State without affecting local control (Board Action: 3/1/05)	Would require county First 5 commissions to: 1) adopt policies regarding conflict of interest and contracting and procurement procedures; 2) adopt a limit on the amount of its operating budget that can be spent on administrative functions; 3) adopt policies and processes establishing the salaries and benefits of employees of the county commission; and 4) send its annual audit and report to the State First 5 Commission. The State Commission is allowed to withhold the county commission's share of tobacco tax revenues for failure to submit the data.	Assembly Appropriations
AB 126	Dymally	Oppose (State Update: 1/25/05)	Would require counties to ensure that the availability of services and quality of treatment received by indigent patients is equivalent to the care received by non-indigent patients in private facilities. Would also change the Beilenson process to require counties to make a finding that closing, eliminating, or reducing indigent health care services will not have a detrimental impact on the health care needs of indigent people in the county.	Assembly Health
AB 208	Gordon	Support (Board Action: 2/15/05)	Would require California school districts to give preference to children of military personnel in the process of an interdistrict transfer.	Assembly Appropriations
AB 338	Levine	Support (State Update: 3/30/05)	Would require the State Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to use increasing amounts of crumb rubber from waste tires in State highway, construction, and repair projects. Specifically, this bill requires the State to use not less than 20 percent crumb rubber, by ton, of the total amount of asphalt paving materials used on and after January 1, 2007, and increases this amount to 25 percent by 2010, capping the crumb rubber mix in asphalt to not less than 35 percent by 2013.	Assembly Appropriations
AB 547	Berg, Richman	Support (State Update: 4/4/05)	Would repeal the requirement that a city or county authorize its needle exchange program through a declaration of a local emergency, and authorize clean needle exchange programs upon the action of a county board of supervisors and the local health officer or health commissioner, or upon the action of a city council, the mayor and the local health officer.	Assembly Floor

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AB 613	Mountjoy	Support (State Update: 3/23/05)	Would establish a higher burden of proof for the determination of "job relatedness" in workers' compensation cases. Under current law, an injury is deemed compensable (job related) if the job contributes in any manner or degree as the cause of the injury. AB 613 would provide that for an injury to be deemed compensable there must be a preponderance of evidence that employment activities were the predominant causes of the injury.	Assembly Insurance
AB 642	Negrete-McLeod	Oppose Unless Amended to limit liability to those instances where injury or death is a result of an action by the employer (State Update: 3/23/05)	Would create a job-related presumption for workers' compensation for an injury or death as a result of a vaccination or medication given to prevent infection from a biochemical substance. Under the bill, the employer would be liable even if the vaccination is procured solely by the employee without direction of the employer.	Assembly Appropriations
AB 696	Chu	Support if Amended to retain fingerprint imaging for CalWORKs cases and Food Stamp cases with General Assistance (State Update: 3/28/05)	Would: 1) replace the quarterly reporting in CalWORKs and Food Stamps with semi-annual reporting; 2) provide categorical eligibility to Food Stamp benefits for certain Medi-Cal participants; 3) simplify Food Stamp verification requirements; 4) require the State to seek a Federal waiver to exempt certain Able-bodied Adults Without Dependents from the 3 month limit to Food Stamp benefits; and 5) eliminate the requirement to maintain a statewide fingerprint imaging system for use in connection with eligibility for CalWORKs, Food Stamps and General Assistance.	Assembly Appropriations
AB 783	Jones	Support (State Update: 4/1/05)	Would require the State to pay for expenses incurred by local governments in the preparation and conduct of elections proclaimed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the office of Senator or Member of the Assembly, or to fill a vacancy in the office of United States Senate or Representative in Congress. It also provides that where an election is consolidated with a local election, the State would only pay for those additional expenses directly related to the election proclaimed by the Governor.	Assembly Appropriations
AB 856	Bass	Support (Board Action: 4/19/05)	Would extend the sunset date of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) from January 1, 2008 to January 1, 2011, adds the Director of the Department of Conservation, or his or her designee, as a non-voting member of the BHC board, makes changes pursuant to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, and repeals the requirement that the BHC obtain and maintain liability.	Assembly Appropriations

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AB 921	Daucher	Oppose (State Update: 3/24/05)	Would: 1) allow the term of redevelopment projects to be extended for an additional 25 years without making a new finding of blight; 2) allow a redevelopment agency, during a 25-year extension, to use up to 40 percent of the property tax allocated for infrastructure improvements related to the production of market-priced or affordable housing while using a minimum of 60 percent of the funds to increase, improve, or preserve market-priced and affordable housing; and 3) limit the amount of property tax shifted to redevelopment agency receipts during a 25-year extension to 50 percent of the amount that would otherwise be allocated under current law.	Assembly Housing and Community Development
AB 1090	Matthews	Support (Board Action: 3/29/05)	Would define conversion technologies and promote its development by incorporating conversion technologies within the State's waste management hierarchy in proper context to its environmental benefits and impacts, and provide diversion credit to jurisdictions that utilize such facilities.	Assembly Natural Resources
AB 1248	Umberg	Oppose (State Update: 4/7/05)	Would prohibit a county from imposing a booking fee on local agencies, colleges, and universities for county costs incurred in processing or booking persons arrested by those entities for a felony offense, by permitting the charging of a fee only for crimes which are not felonies. The measure also expressly prohibits the imposition of booking fees for misdemeanor offenses relating to driving under the influence, domestic violence, battery, and specified sex-related offenses.	Assembly Local Government
AB 1285	Montanez	County-sponsored	Would expand eligibility for participation in the Investing in Early Educators stipend program to include persons working in licensed family child care homes and child care centers that do not hold California Department of Education contracts.	Assembly Desk
AB 1330	Karnette	Oppose (State Update: 3/24/05)	Would: 1) establish the Harbor District Development Authority in the City of Los Angeles, and authorize the Los Angeles City Council, by resolution, to designate the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners as the redevelopment agency for the Los Angeles Harbor District (LAHD); 2) create a new definition of blight that fits the circumstances of the LAHD; 3) exempt the LAHD from certain environmental impact report requirements; 4) shorten plan adoption reporting requirements; and 5) eliminate the prohibition on redevelopment agency use of property tax increment for operations and maintenance expenses (current law restricts the use of agency funds to capital expenses).	Assembly Local Government

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AB 1331	Umberg	Oppose (State Update: 3/23/05)	Would exempt public safety employees from certain elements of the workers' compensation reform enacted in 2004. Specifically, SB 899 (Poochigian) enacted last year established an apportionment of employer liability for job-related injuries among common individual workers. A physician who prepares a report addressing the issue of an employee's permanent disability due to a claimed industrial injury is required to address the issue of causation. The employer's liability is limited to the percentage of permanent disability directly caused by the injury. AB 1331 would exempt state and local public safety personnel from these new reforms.	Assembly Appropriations
AB 1380	Gordon	Support (Board Action: 4/12/05)	Would create rules for determining the inventory of numbering resources applicable to the telecommunications carriers that hold numbers (codes or blocks within rate centers) in California, to avoid the premature exhaustion of an area code.	Assembly Utilities and Commerce
AB 1491	Calderon	Oppose (Board Action: 3/8/05)	Would reduce the Housing Authority's responsibility for the allocation of Industry Housing Fund Program funds by authorizing the City of Industry to transfer up to 50 percent of the low-and moderate-income housing funds currently administered by the Housing Authority to another eligible public entity located outside the City.	Assembly Housing and Community Development
AB 1605	Wolk, Berg	Support (State Update: 4/14/05)	Would add officers and employees of financial institutions, including banks, credit unions, and savings and loans, to those designated as mandated reporters of financial abuse perpetrated against elder and dependent adults.	Assembly Aging and Long-Term Care
SB 34	Florez	Oppose (Board Action: 3/1/05)	Would require that the majority of the membership of the county First 5 commissions consist of persons who do not represent a county.	Senate Floor
SB 35	Florez	Support if Amended to require stronger fiscal oversight by the State without affecting local control (Board Action: 3/1/05)	Would require county First 5 commissions to: 1) adopt policies regarding conflict of interest and contracting and procurement procedures; 2) adopt a limit on the amount of its revenues that can be spent on administrative functions; 3) adopt policies and processes establishing the salaries and benefits of employees of the county commission; and 4) send its annual audit and report to the State First 5 Commission. The State Commission is allowed to withhold the county commission's share of tobacco tax revenues for failure to submit the data. In its report, each county commission must list, by category, all program areas funded in a format prescribed by the State commission.	Senate Appropriations

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SB 57	Alarcon	Support (State Update: 4/18/05)	Would augment the Emergency Medical Services Fund by allowing counties to collect an additional \$2 penalty assessment on every \$10 penalty for all criminal offenses and moving violations and would allow county boards of supervisors, by resolution, to levy an additional \$2 penalty assessment for specified crimes and moving violations, including speeding, seat belt infractions, domestic violence and DUI's. Counties with pediatric trauma care units would be authorized to use these new funds to establish a Pediatric Trauma Fund to purchase pediatric facilities and equipment.	Senate Public Safety
SB 112	Ortiz	Oppose (State Update: 4/8/05)	Would change the formula used to calculate each county's share of total State Refugee Employment Social Services (RESS) and Refugee Targeted Assistance Program (RTAP) funds. The bill would require 50 percent of the RESS funds to be allocated on the proportion of refugees receiving public assistance, and the remaining 50 percent based on the most recent 60-month refugee arrival data. Would also allocate RTAP funds based on the arrival data during the most recent 60-month period using Federal methodology. These changes would result in the County receiving \$700,000 less funds for the Refugee Employment Program.	Senate Human Services
SB 116	Dutton	Support (Board Action: 2/1/05)	Would eliminate the Safe Surrender Law sunset provision in order to provide for the safe surrender of infants as an alternative to abandonment permanently.	Senate Appropriations
SB 153	Chesbro	Support and Amend to include beaches in the definition of parks (State Update: 4/12/05)	Would enact the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2006, which, if adopted by the voters, would authorize the issuance of \$3 billion in State General Obligation bonds for resource protection, acquisition, and development.	Senate Appropriations
SB 267	Romero	Support (State Update: 4/18/05)	Would restructure the Trauma Care Fund to require regional distribution of funds based on the statewide proportion of trauma care services provided in a region, repeal the requirement that trauma centers receive a minimum level of funding, and require the grants to be awarded on a competitive basis.	Senate Health
SB 324	McClintock	Support (State Update: 3/15/05)	Would define a transportation gridlock emergency as a condition that requires extraordinary State action, and authorizes the Governor to declare a state of emergency when any highway has an average daily vehicle delay that exceeds 3,000 vehicle hours per day.	Senate Transportation and Housing

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SB 466	Kuehl	Support (State Update: 4/14/05)	NOW: Still does the same thing but was amended to include school zones as requested by the County. PREVIOUSLY: Would have allowed a local agency to use a mobile photo radar system to enforce speed limits on streets within residential districts, subject to certain requirements.	Senate Transportation and Housing
SB 516	Ortiz	Support (State Update: 4/5/05)	Would require residential care facilities for the elderly with six or fewer clients or residents, licensed as of January 1, 2007, to have an automatic fire sprinkler system by January 1, 2011. Facilities licensed on or after January 1, 2007 would be required to have an automatic fire sprinkler system on the date of licensure.	Senate Human Services
SB 521	Torlakson	Oppose (State Update: 3/24/05)	Would change redevelopment law relating to transit villages by: 1) allowing local governments to extend the boundaries of a transit village development plan; 2) amending current redevelopment law to include the lack of high density development within a transit village development district as an economic condition that causes blight; and 3) requiring the agency to submit the proposed transit village redevelopment plan to the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank which would make a finding on whether the proposed project is consistent with the requirements of redevelopment law.	Senate Appropriations
SB 656	Romero	County-sponsored	Would allow a county board of supervisors to place on the ballot a local tax of up to 5 percent on the sale of alcoholic beverages.	Senate Revenue and Taxation Suspense File
SB 926	Florez	Oppose (State Update: 4/4/05)	Would, on or before January 1, 2010: 1) require each local public agency to apply at least 75 percent of all sewage sludge generated by the local public agency to beneficial use, including electricity generation, composting, or other land applications; and 2) prohibit a local public agency from exporting sewage sludge generated by the local public agency to any other county unless an exception is granted by the appropriate regional board.	Senate Environmental Quality
SB 945	Soto	County-sponsored	Would change California's HIV reporting system from code-based to names-based.	Senate Health
SB 969	Ducheny, Morrow	Oppose (State Update: 4/18/05)	Would exempt a driver who is 18 years of age or older from the requirement to wear a safety helmet when riding on a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle or motorized bike, if the driver has completed a motorcycle rider training program or has held a class M1 license for two years or more and has proof of current medical insurance. Would also exempt a passenger who is 18 years of age or older from the requirement to wear a helmet if the passenger has proof of current medical insurance.	Senate Transportation

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SB 1018	Simitian	Support (State Update: 4/14/05)	Would add officers and employees of financial institutions, including banks, credit unions, and savings and loans, to those designated as mandated reporters of financial abuse perpetrated against elder and dependent adults.	Senate Judiciary